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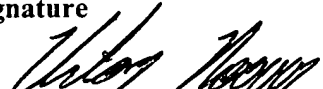
that I have reviewed and understand the contents of application Serial No. 10/798,821, filed March 11, 2004, including the specification and claims and I verily believe I, Max W. Thompson, Darrin D. Barnes, Joe D. Cox, Philip L. Collins, Christopher J. Lafrancois, Ronald E. Miranda, Ricky E. Snelling, Jean B. Thesee and Robert Zapata are the original, first, and joint inventors or discoverers of the invention or discovery in **IMPROVED DESULFURIZATION PROCESS** described and claimed therein and for which a patent is sought;

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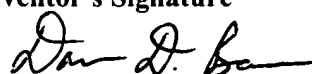
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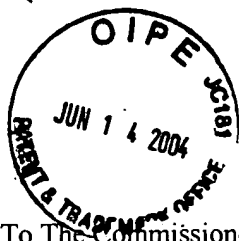
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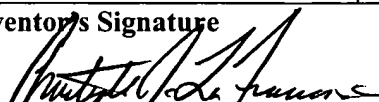
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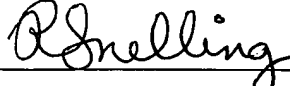
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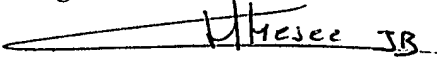
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